

FORT MILL MELANGE.

Pithy Points Gathered for the Perusal of Times Readers.

Mr. R. M. Miller, of Charlotte, spent last Thursday in Fort Mill.

The store of S. N. McGinn in Harrison (N. C.) township was burned at an early hour this morning.

Mr. A. W. Fravor, of Baldwinsville, N. Y., paid his daughter, Mrs. E. W. Kimbrell, a very unexpected visit last week.

Home seekers would do well to read the advertisement of the sale of the Brown estate in another column of this week's paper.

The home of Joe White, a negro man who lived on the Dinkins ferry road about 2 miles south of Fort Mill, was destroyed by fire Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Dr. J. B. Mack has accepted a three-months call from the Bainbridge Presbyterian church, Bainbridge, Ga., and left Fort Mill for that city several days ago.

At the election held in this place Monday for a warden, Capt. M. M. Wolfe was the successful candidate. Mr. T. D. Faulkner, who was spoken of in these columns two weeks ago as a gentleman well qualified for the place, withdrew from the race.

Lillian Barnes, a young negro woman, was convicted before Magistrate McElhaney Monday morning on the charge of shoplifting at the stores of Meacham & Epps and L. J. Massey and was sentenced to sixty days in the county jail at Yorkville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Kimbrell, who have been living in Steel Creek for several years, visited relatives in this community recently. They left yesterday morning for Greenville, where Mr. Kimbrell will be employed as a superintendent of a creamery.

Rev. Edward Mack, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Norfolk, Va., is expected to arrive in Fort Mill tomorrow morning and will spend a week at the home of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Mack. During his visit, Mr. Mack will devote several days to hunting.

The annual State inspection of the Fort Mill Light Infantry will be held at the baseball grounds in this place Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Captain Lewis, of Yorkville, will inspect the company. The attention of the members of the company is called to the notice in another column.

Rev. R. A. Yongue, pastor of the Methodist church in this place, and Mr. J. I. Spinks will attend the annual meeting of the South Carolina Conference, which will be held in Chester this year, November 28 to December 3. Mr. Yongue will be the guest of Mrs. Ella Walker during the meeting of the conference and Mr. Spinks will stop at the home of Capt. W. H. Edwards.

The editor of The Times acknowledges the receipt of an invitation to be present at the marriage of Miss Mary Irvine Davis, of Paris, Ky., and Col. John D. Frost, of Columbia, at the home of the prospective bride's parents in the former city at 8 o'clock on the evening of the 28th instant. Miss Davis is a beautiful and cultured young lady and our handsome assistant adjutant general is to be congratulated upon winning her heart and hand.

The Vote in the General Election.

The tabulated vote of the State in the recent election shows that 50,814 votes were cast for Presidential electors, of which the Democratic electors received more than 47,000. Governor McSweeney received 46,457 votes.

The constitutional amendments were carried.

In the Fifth Congressional district the total vote was 6,819, of which D. E. Finley received 6,634, John F. Jones 183, two votes being classed as scattering.

In York county the Republicans cast only 37 votes—2 at Fort Mill, 19 at Rock Hill, 1 at Shuron and 15 at Yorkville—out of 1,235.

In 1896 the Republican vote in York county was 152 and the Democratic vote 2,010.

War Record of Confederate Veterans.

To Confederate Veterans: Having been a former active member of the local camp of Sons of Confederate Veterans, and being constantly importuned by our commander-in-chief to keep alive our camp, I take pleasure in offering the following plan to that end, which has received the generous endorsement of the editor of The Times. If the suggestion is favorably received by the veterans, as it undoubtedly should be, it will serve to carry out the main object of our organization, and will do much toward reviving interest in it:

The plan is to have each veteran in the township write a brief synopsis of his record in the war, not to exceed 990 words. The Times volunteers to publish one record each week. A copy of each record will be placed on file with each of the organizations—Veterans' Association, Sons of Veterans and the Daughters of the Confederacy—and thus perpetuated to posterity. Furthermore, each veteran will have a printed record of his services in intelligent and concise form to leave his children, as well as his comrades, which can be obtained as they are published.

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The 17th, the battle between us and the Chinese began. The 22d is the anniversary of the massacre of ten sisters. The Boxers declared they would make it a double anniversary. The after human sacrifice was missed, and they fought to reach us like thirsty tigers. The voice of all was raised to God to send us help. Our soldiers could not reach us; they fought two days outside the walls of the city. God heard our prayers, and on the morning of the 23d 15,000 English soldiers forced their way into the city and discharged a cannon to give us hope. Nearly 1,000 native Christians came to us for protection. In three days 800 Europeans and 15,000 natives died on the field. The Chinese leave their dead and wounded where they fall. Three times a week the Europeans gather the dead into piles of 600 to 800 and burn them, for fear of pestilence. The smell, the smoke, the flames was hell-like. Our suffering bears no comparison to that of Pekin, where blood poured in streams. Little Chinese boys would say to the Boxers, 'You may whip us, you may kill us, we will not sacrifice to your statutes.' The Boxers would then tear them limb from limb. Some of the boys were hardly ten years old. The Boxers brought all our sisters to the pagoda to sacrifice and a Protestant gentleman headed a band to rescue them and an American Protestant lady, with pistol in hand, went with the band to save the sisters. I could write a week and leave much unsaid. The foreigners never weary of praising the brave Americans. Our flag was the first to be raised in Pekin.

James Pettit, the aforesaid white man, violated the dispensary law and was given six months. The chain gang is grading the public road in the northern part of Fort Mill township at this very moment and James is no doubt assisting materially in the work. Experience is a dear teacher, but there be those who learn under no other professor.

William Jones—not the "Jones, he pays the freight," but a Jones member of the light-fingered gang—will wear stripes and sleep under the stars in Pekin.

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George G. Cooley

for two years—burglary and larceny. Of course the tent will not be new when Jones kisses his hand good-bye to it, but, all the same, he will have the satisfaction of knowing that he helped initiate it.

Euford Gray. That isn't a name that one would instinctively know belongs to a man who is not as honest as June days are long; but the bearer, regardless of the enigma of his name, is in trouble, and his trouble is apt to last two long years, for he has been convicted of burglary and larceny to that extent. Euford Gray should have corresponded with Marcus Aurelius about membership in a trust or two instead of giving himself a reputation which his name does not bespeak.

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